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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, Applicants request consideration of the following amendments and remarks. These remarks address the issues raised in the Office Action of January 10, 2000 and the Advisory Action of July 27, 2000.

In the Claims:

Cancel claim 9, without prejudice.

Amend claims 1-4, 8, 10-17, and 25 as follows.

(Amended) A method for identifying a compound that modulates [the] DAF-